



Communicable Disease Branch Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Weekly Key Points

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The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) Communicable Disease Branch will be releasing COVID-19 weekly key points that includes information discussed on the weekly Tuesday Local Health Department call. Recordings of the call will not be made available; please use the information below as a summary of the topics presented on the call. As guidance changes, please use the most recent information provided. For questions, contact the NC DPH Communicable Disease Branch 24/7 Epidemiologist on Call at **919-733-3419**.

Important Updates

- **New:** NCDHHS_LHD Weekly Webinar_02.09.2021.pdf (file attached)
- **Updated:** Local Health Vaccine FAQ - 2.5.21.pdf (file attached)
- **Updated:** Find My Testing Place (file attached)

Contact Tracing Update

A new addition is being posted today to the K-12 Strong Schools Toolkit for case investigation/contact tracing. These are recommendations only for K-12 schools who wish to enhance their collaboration with their local health department to take on a larger role in contact tracing.

This is a guidance document with bulleted action steps plus an instructional case study. Guidance is presented as part of a school's overall framework for prevention and response and is linked to existing documents in the Strong Schools Toolkit. Appendices provide tools for implementation, including a template for a contact tracing plan with the local health department, communications examples, and interview guides.

Thank you to the health departments, schools, and DHHS and DPI staff that contributed to and reviewed the document. This information was provided to schools on last week's DHHS/DPI Statewide call. We welcome additional feedback as we will be making updates in the future.

NC COVID

NC COVID will start archiving negative COVID-19 events beginning the weekend of February 27. Archiving negative events will help to address several performance and processing issues within the NC COVID platform. Please see the weekly slide deck for additional information.

Find My Testing Place

Please review the updated 'Find My Testing Place LHD' Excel file weekly to ensure information is up to date and accurate. Please send the updated files or any related questions to SVC_Covid-19TestingSites@dhhs.nc.gov